Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal to construct a Multi-storied Building at Mangalore is under consideration.

Smt. ADDY SALDANHA.—May I know how long it will take for the proposal to be finalised ?

† Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Which proposal ?

Smt. ADDY SALDANHA.—Has it come to the notice of the Hon. Minister that offices are located in different places where there are no proper facilities for Government servants ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Yes, it is a fact.

Smt. ADDY SALDHANA.—Has any estimate been prepared for a multi-storeyed building in Mangalore and if so, what is the estimated cost ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Action is being taken to prepare plans and estimates on the basis of the suggestion made by the Government Architect.

Madam SPEAKER.—Sri V. N. PATIL may put Question No. 213 on behalf of Sri KAKKILAYA.

REPRESENTATION FROM MYSORE UNIVERSITY PRINTING PRESS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

213. Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad) [On behalf of Sri B. V. KAKKILAYA (Buntwal)].—

Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any representation from the Mysore University Printing Press Employees' Association regarding non-observance of the provisions of laws relating to over-time, ESI, etc., by the management has been received by Government ;

(*b*) wrether it is a fact that the management have not complied with provisions of the Employees, State Insurance Act in respect of Employees Contribution and Employer's special contribution ;

(*c*) whether the Management is insisting upon the employees to join the University Health Centre foregoing the benefits of E.S.I. :

(*d*) if so, the action taken by the Government in this matter ?

Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—

(*a*) A memorandum has been received by Government very recently. A copy of the representation submitted by the University Printing Press Employees' Association to the Regional Director, Employees State Insurance Corporation alleging non-observance of the provisions of the E.S.I. Act, has also been received.

(*b*) Payment of Employer's special contribution has been made upto 31st December 1971 and that in respect of Employees' contribution upto 25th March 1972.

(*c*) There is an allegation by the employees.

(*d*) The Regional Director, E.S.I. Corporation is taking action to recover the contribution. As regards insistence upon the employees to join the University Health Centre, the matter is being examined.

There is a request from the University Press grant of exemption from the E.S.I. Act. This is also under examination.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—In answer to (*b*) it is stated that payment of Employer's special contribution has been made upto 31st December 1971 and that in respect of Employees' contribution upto 25th March 1972. What action has the Government taken to collect the special contribution of employers for the last one year and also other contribution of employees ?

†Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—As per provisions of the E.S.I. Act, for non-payment of the E.S.I. contribution, the Department is asked to take action for the early collection of contribution due to the employees.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Is the Government aware that the Director of E.S.I., Mysore, has written a letter to the Registrar of University telling him that it is not enough if the workers are given medical facilities inside the medical unit but also it is necessary to give them the benefits of the E.S.I. ?

AZEEZ SAIT.—The Hon'ble Member's fear is that the University authorities may ask for exemption from the purview of E.S.I. Act as far as University is concerned. The University has made a request to that effect to the Government and in one of my answers I have said it is under consideration. Now I tell you that no such exemption will be given to the University and therefore the fear entertained by the hon. Member may kindly be removed.